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# Grace Notes

\*Welcome \*Worship \*Praise

COVID GRACE NOTES JUNE 4, 2020

RICK WEBB



## Grace Men's Ministry

Last month the diaconate reviewed and approved the following proposal related to our Men's Ministry at Grace Baptist Church. It was a true blessing to see our men converge on the parking lot Tuesday morning to help Jean and Carolyn distribute food to our neighborhood.

Each weekday morning through August 14 our Men's Ministry will be fetching food from Maplewoods Elementary School and delivering it to Gracemor Elementary School for the NKC Adventure Clubs. We are grateful for Rick Webb's leadership and for the new energy we are discovering with this new focus on our men. Onward and Upward!

*In support of the purpose and mission of Grace Baptist Church, Grace Men's Ministry exists to harness the vitality of men and boys in our congregation to meet the spiritual, social and physical needs of men, boys and families in our community. The Discipleship Committee will ask Rick Webb to be our coordinator and the church will provide the Men's Ministry with an annual budget of \$500. Initially the Grace Men's Ministry will begin at this pace:*

1. Quarterly men's meeting at the church centered around a meal and a program of spiritual value.
2. Cooperation with American Baptist Men of Great Rivers Region and Central Region.
3. Focused ministry to students (especially boys and their fathers) at Lakewood School.
4. Focused ministry to our neighbors at Oxford House, all men, and their families.
5. Available as resources for church functions especially the needs of the Caring Committee, the Hospitality Committee and the Property Committee at the church home.

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## Sunday, June 7

Philippians 3:12-21

Lessons for Living Life in a Lock-Down  
Music by Chris Foster and Rosalee Wilson  
Message by Jerry Cain

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**A Prayer in a Pandemic: For the sick and infected, God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Please help us work with you to contain the virus.**

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You are invited to join our prayer team on Wednesday morning at 10:15 as they lift concerns to God over the telephone: Dial 1-978-990-5413. You will be asked to enter our access code which is 477637#. There is no charge.

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2. Click on "Media/Videos".
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9:00 a.m.

Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Karen Worship  
2:00 p.m.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."  
Ephesians 2:8 NRSV

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**A Personal Statement from the Pastor:** The events of the past few weeks have filled me with sorrow over the senseless killing of George Floyd and the terrible deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and too many other black and brown children of God. We have once again seen our country's deep divide over race, justice and inequality.

Many members of our Clay County community are hurting deeply along with those who stand beside them. I am not deaf to their anguish and anger nor to their cries for relief. God hears them also.

As a Christ-follower, I must seek to end systemic racism and the indifference that has allowed these injustices to happen. The gospel teaches me to listen to all of God's children, to learn from their experiences and to bear their burdens. When appropriate, I must also speak up about how we treat people of color in our community and our country.

And my church's purpose statement drives me to *know God personally, to love God completely, to love one another and to share God's love with all people.* I cannot do less. --- Jerry B. Cain

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### **NARTHEX NEWS**

(Items we would talk about should we be meeting in the Narthex on Sunday.)

Here is an unsolicited review of the May 31 taped worship service. *"A touch of normalcy and a pause beside a refreshing spring in a parched and arid land. That is what the service felt like to people for whom the Baptist faith has been a big part of their lives during a pandemic-enforced stay at home situation. Our appreciation is due to you and your team. Thanks!"*

Please remember we are in a new month and the utility bills will come in soon. Your faithful tithes and offerings are appreciated.

A quick summary of the telephone survey our Caring Committee took last week:

- 70 calls were made
- 37 will attend on June 14
- 18 are not ready to attend on June 14
- 10 are undecided
- 68 will wear a mask
- 1 will not wear a mask
- 60 said yes to continue the video worship
- 5 said no to continue the video worship

The diaconate meets tonight, June 4, to make final plans to reopen on June 14.

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